

**Explanatory notes for reporting
on the United Nations Strategic
Plan for Forests 2017-30 (UNSPF**

! " #ntrod\$ction to Explanatory Notes

- Reporting Format agreed by UNFF following a pilot exercise and the November 2017 expert meeting in Nairobi
- Explanatory Notes intended to help national correspondents prepare their o! ntry Reports in a consistent way" by explaining#

Other general points

- (here is a 200*word limit for responses to each s! b*\$! estion
if all answers were comprehensive global analysis wo! ld be extremely complex and witho! t a word limit there is a ris1 of bias towards those co! ntries which provide most detail
- o! ntry Reports sho! ld foc! s on action ta1en since the beginning of 2010
consistent with the -lobal Forest Reso! rces 2ssessment)FR2, cycle previo! s Report of the &cretary -eneral on progress towards &F 3 considered by UNFF in 2010%
- Reason for \$! estions on gender e\$! ality and 4nternational 5ay of Forests

Information from other sources

- No need for Country Reports to repeat information already provided to international databases
- Assessment of progress towards SDG will use Country Reports and statistical information from FR2 2020
 - For consistency national correspondents preparing Country Reports should coordinate with FR2 2020 correspondents for their country
- Other sources of information include
 - State of the World's Forests (SOFI), publications and (2015-2020)
 - other UN members and regional processes (e.g. Statistics Division, FAO and UNEP) and SDG reports
- Relationship with SDG indicators and global forest goals (e.g.,

GFG 1 (continued)

the resilience and adaptive capacity of all types of forests to natural disasters and the impact of climate change is significantly strengthened worldwide

information from Country Reports

Update SOFO 2011 analysis of number of countries with national Disaster Risk Reduction strategies that include forest-related measures

concepts of .resilience/ and .adaptive capacity/ difficult to address in a standardised way%

! ssuming progress to * ards +F+ 2

e#treme poverty for all forest\$dependent people is eradicated

information from o! ntry Reports

SOFO 20! " offers a methodological approach to developing a baseline

no internationally agreed definition of forest dependent people \$ similar
problem for - & indicator 19%

* increase access of small\$scale forest enterprises to financial ser vices %
and their integration into alue chains and markets

information from o! ntry Reports

lac1 of statistical information%&5 - indicators +%0%1 and +%0%2 potentially
relevant" b! t not disaggregated for forest enterprises

GFG 2 (continued)

* the contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased

information from Country Reports

no robust data sources at global level providing quantitative information about the contribution of forests and trees to the various dimensions of food security * similar problem for - & indicator 1: %

GFG 2 (continued)

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* the area of forests worldwide designated as protected areas or conser ed through other effecti e area\$based conser ation measures is significantly increased

information from o! ntry Reports 7 FR2 2020

* the area of forests under long\$term forest management plans is significantly increased

information from o! ntry Reports 7 FR2 2020

* the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests is significantly increased

information from o! ntry Reports

! pdate SOFO 20! " \$ 9>? ind! strial ro! ndwood from F& ;' EF certified forests%

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* mobili'e significant resources from all sources and

GFG 4 (continued)

–\$S, \$\$\$, –\$– and triangular cooperation and public private partnerships on science, technology and innovation in the forest sector are significantly enhanced and increased

information from "Country Reports" including international cooperation) @ : d,

* the number of countries which have developed and implemented forest financing strategies and have access to financing from all sources is significantly increased

information from "Country Reports" including on financing strategies) @ : e,

* the collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved %

information from "Country Reports

! Assessing progress to *ards +F+ -

8 increase number of countries which have integrated forests into their national sustainable development plans and/or policies

GFG 5 (continued)

* national and subnational forest-related policies and programs are coherent, coordinated and complementary across ministries, departments and authorities, consistent with national laws, and engage relevant stakeholders, local communities and indigenous peoples %

information from "Country Reports" including mechanisms for cross-sectoral coordination)@ 0e, and stakeholder involvement)@ 0f,

FR2 information on national platforms for stakeholder participation

* forest-related issues and the forest sector are fully integrated into decision making processes of land use planning and development

information from "Country Reports on relevant mechanisms)@ 0g,

! ssessing progress to * ards +F+ .

/argets 0,! and 0,2 address international actions \$ information will be re)uested from 12F

* cross\$sectoral coordination and cooperation to promote SF (and halt deforestation and forest degradation is significantly enhanced at all le els
information from o! ntry Reports

8 a greater common understanding of the concept of SF (is achie ed and an associated set of indicators is identified

information on o! ntry Reports" incl! ding on criteria and indicators)@ Ac, and promoting ! nderstanding and awareñess of &F 3)@ Ad,%

* the input and in ol ement of ma3or groups and other rele ant stakeholders in the implementation of the 4 - S2F and in the work of the Forum, including intersessional work, is strengthened

information from o! ntry Reports" incl! ding on involving ma3or gro! ps and other relevant sta1eholders in implementing the UN&' F)@ Ae,

E" Explanation of terms used in the Reporting Format

- consistency with FR2 2020 terms and definitions
- Other terms identified during process of developing Reporting Format
 - Legislative actions
 - Policy actions
 - Institutional actions
 - Financial actions
 - Technical and scientific actions
 - significantly
 - public-private partnership

UNEP/WHO/UNESCO World Heritage Site

- Does the site explain the purpose and use of the country Reports sufficiently well? Can it be improved?
- Is there anything missing from the information from other sources? Can it be improved?
- Is the approach taken in the help file? Can assessment of progress towards targets for each goal be improved?
- Are any other terms that it would be helpful to define in the help file? C

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Further discussion of detail in 7 breakout sessions on Wednesday
afternoon and /hursday